Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 and cancel claims 4 – 24 as follows:

1.   A method for video detection and replacement, the method comprising:

receiving an input video signal;

~~automatically identifying~~comparing, in a sliding window of initial length L, a segment ~~in~~ of the input video signal ~~locally using~~ to a portion of stored fingerprint data ~~of both the segment and the input video signal~~;

expanding the sliding window to the approximate length of the fingerprint data when the segment of the input video signal within the sliding window of initial length L matches the portion of stored fingerprint data;

comparing the segment of the input video signal within the expanded sliding window with the stored fingerprint data; and

generating an output video signal comprising the input video signal with the segment within the expanded sliding window replaced with a replacement portion when the segment of the input video signal within the expanded sliding window matches the fingerprint data.

2.   The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising;

automatically receiving fingerprint data of segments to be identified via a computer communications network; and

storing the fingerprint data.

3.   The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the fingerprint data is transmitted periodically.

4. -24. (cancelled)